



Lake County Chamber Alliance
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 22, 2013 8:00am
LSSC Business Resource Center

1. **Delegates In Attendance:** Susan Brooks, Mike Bucher, Roger Beyers, Deborah Cahill(alternate for Orin Owen), Shananne Cain, Mark Dushane, Beth Jenkins, Steve Jennelle, Don Marx, Jim Miller, Tom Miranda, Kelly Pisciotta, Tim Sennett and Dick Scott,

Delegates Absent: Kevin Austin, Jerry Cobb and Orin Owen (alternate in attendance).

Chamber Executive Directors/Presidents: Peggy Hayes, Cathy Hoechst, Colleen McGinley/Jeff Smith, Ray San Fratello, and Jan Zacharchuck.

Alliance Partners: Adam Ashton, Deb Dyer, T.J. Fish, Bill Mathias, Jim Myers, Sean Parks, and Jonathan Till

Visitors: None

2. **Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of last regularly scheduled Alliance meeting from January 25, 2013 presented. Kelly Pisciotta moved to accept, Tim Sennett seconded, motion passed.

4. **Financial Report:** Steve Jennelle
Lake Legislative Days and regular January Alliance financials presented.
Tim Sennett moved to accept the financials as presented, Kelly Pisciotta seconded, motion passed.
United Chambers to fund Community Service Awards; \$100 per chamber.

5. **Old Business**

Lake Legislative Days 2013

Kelly Pisciotta – Successful event, thank you to all who participated.
One lesson learned – larger block of rooms needed.
Committee wrap up meeting to be scheduled.
Session starts March 15.
Need feedback.

Sean Parks – Economic Development Team Lead

Positive feedback, Wellness Way concept was well received.

Key will be to follow-up with legislators.

Senator Ray Lake, HB-790. Initiative to convert municipal vehicles to natural gas – Lake County geographically positioned for this legislative issue. Nuclear program ending – Crystal River plant shutting down.

Offered to present County Commission proposed or necessary 5-6% budget cuts. Commissioner Parks will bring items to next month's meeting.

Jim Myers – Solid waste and compressed natural gas (CNG) need to partner to bring a facility to Lake County.

Community Service Awards

Kelly Pisciotta – Ceremony scheduled for April 24 at Lake Receptions.

Deadline for submission was February 18.

Next meeting scheduled for April 24.

Alliance Website

Mike Bucher – Agreed site needs updating.

- A community outreach tool. Chambers should update their banners.
- By-laws and delegate responsibilities posted on web site.
- Posting of board delegates completed and community representative discussed.
- Posting of CFAC recommendations requested.
- Kevin Robson agreed to 15% non-profit discount.

Capital Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC)

Mike Bucher – Discussion of a work shop to familiarize Alliance delegates with CFAC.

- When/Where/Purpose and format discussed.
- Possible challenge or conflict with other chamber events will be expected.

Alliance 2012 Priorities

Mike Bucher – Discussion on updating state and county legislative priorities and bi-annual summaries of accomplishments and goals.

- Review of LLD Team Leads to ensure priorities.

6. **New Business:**

County Economic Report (Six Pillars)

Mike Bucher – Based on Florida Chamber of Commerce – breaks down economic drivers.

- Mike Bucher to review program with delegates.
- Discussion of Economic Data Leading Indicator Report ensued – What is important to Lake County businesses leaders (?)
- Coordinate with Metro Orlando EDC and other organization for reports
- General agreement that report would be useful for businesses in Lake County

Delegation Responsibilities & by-laws

Mike Bucher – Emailed to all delegates

- Delegates to read, sign and return at March meeting

7. **Alliance Partnership Reports**

Lake County Commission

Commissioner Parks – Presented results of LLD and discussed priorities of county commissioners meeting later in the day

Lake County School Board

Councilman Mathias – Gave positive feedback on LLD. School board will review the transportation funding calculation reported to the state for school funding.

North West Regional Board of Advisors

Ray San Fratello – MyRegion.org meeting postponed till further notice

- Being reconfigured, more info to follow

Lake Sumter MPO

TJ Fish – Presented projects being discussed and how MPO is soliciting stakeholders

- Discussed future employment center and turnpike funding with CRA/TIF funds.
- Discussed rail system

League of Cities

Jim Myers – Positive feedback from LLD

Representative Bryan Nelson

Jonathan Till – 700 Online surveys completed and results will be shared at a later meeting

Adjourned: Mike Bucher – 9:10am

8. **Next Regular Meeting**

March 22 at 8:00am